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For: PROCESSING NEGOTIABLE ECONOMIC CREDITS THROUGH ELECTRONIC HAND HELD  
DEVICES

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2. I believe that I am the true and original inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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3. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.
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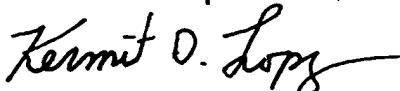
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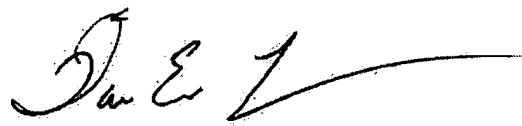
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